

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TULSA, OKLAHOMA,**

scheduled for Wednesday, January 31, 2024, at 4:00 P.M. in Room 411, One Technology Center, 175 E. 2nd St., Fourth Floor, Tulsa, OK, to transact all business as set out in Notice and Agenda posted in the Office of City Clerk, One Technology Center, 175 E. 2nd St., Room 260, Tulsa, OK on Friday, January 26, 2024, at 3:35 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Cue called the meeting to order at 4:06 P.M.

ROLL CALL:

Hall-Harper	Absent	Bengel	Present
Cue	Present	Decter Wright	Absent
Patrick	Absent	Lakin	Present
Bellis	Present	Fowler	Present
Miller	Absent		
	Present:	5	
	Absent:	4	

Councilor Hall-Harper arrived at 4:07 P.M.
Councilor Decter Wright arrived at 4:07 P.M.

STAFF PRESENT

Jack Blair, City Attorney
Sarah Davis, Council Administrator
Lori Doring, Secretary to the Council

2. Pre-meeting discussion of updates, anticipated activities and processes to be followed on items listed on the Agenda of the Regular Council Meeting scheduled for this evening at 5:00 P.M. as posted with the City Clerk, including but not limited to new back-up materials, requested changes in the agenda order and other possible changes or additions (other than discussion, no action will be taken).

Discussion ensued.

3. Weekly update from the Council Administrator, or her designee, on Council Office administration, staffing, schedules, and events. Other than discussion, no action will be taken.

Council Administrator Sarah Davis discussed upcoming City Council meetings and the availability of the Mayor’s Annual Report. Megan Boyd, Senior Council Communications Officer, provided updates on Council Staff.

Jack Blair, City Attorney, recommended that, pursuant to Title 25 O.S. Section 307(B)(4), Council enter Executive Session to discuss the request of Tulsa Police Officer Justin McRee and Tulsa Police Officer Jacob Meryhew for legal representation in the matter of Case No. CJ-2023-3550, Matthew Richard Hibbard v. Tulsa Police Department et al filed in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Oklahoma., as the public disclosure of any confidential discussion regarding this item will seriously impair the ability of the City to process the claim or conduct a pending investigation, litigation, or proceeding in the public interest. An Executive Session to discuss this item will preserve the attorney-client privilege.

Items 4 and 6 were read and voted on together.

-
4. Consider motion and vote to enter Executive Session pursuant to Title 25 O.S. Section 307(B)(4) to discuss the request of Tulsa Police Officer Justin McRee for legal representation in the matter of Case No. CJ-2023-3550, Matthew Richard Hibbard v. Tulsa Police Department et al filed in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Oklahoma. [CC 1/31/24] 24-87-1
6. Consider motion and vote to enter Executive Session pursuant to Title 25 O.S. Section 307(B)(4) to discuss the request of Tulsa Police Officer Jacob Meryhew for legal representation in the matter of Case No. CJ-2023-3550, Matthew Richard Hibbard v. Tulsa Police Department et al filed in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Oklahoma. [CC 1/31/24] 24-88-1

Councilor Decter Wright moved to enter Executive Session on items 4 and 6. Councilor Lakin seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL:

Hall-Harper	Yea	Bengel	Yea
Cue	Yea	Decter Wright	Yea
Patrick	Absent	Lakin	Yea
Bellis	Yea	Fowler	Yea
Miller	Absent		

Yeas: 7 Nays: 0 Absent: 2 Abstentions: 0

Motion carried.

Council entered Executive Session at 4:22 P.M.

Guests exited the meeting at this time. City Attorney Jack Blair, and Council Staff members Sarah Davis and Lori Doring were formally invited to remain for the Executive Session.

Discussion ensued. No action taken in Executive Session.

Items 5 and 7 were read and voted on together.

5. Exit the Executive Session to discuss and possibly take action on the request of Tulsa Police Officer Justin McRee for legal representation in the matter of Case No. CJ-2023-3550, Matthew Richard Hibbard v. Tulsa Police Department et al filed in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Oklahoma. [CC 1/31/24] 24-87-2
7. Exit the Executive Session to discuss and possibly take action on the request of Tulsa Police Officer Jacob Meryhew for legal representation in the matter of Case No. CJ-2023-3550, Matthew Richard Hibbard v. Tulsa Police Department et al filed in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Oklahoma. [CC 1/31/24] 24-88-2

Without objection, Council exited Executive Session at 4:25 P.M.

Councilor Decter Wright moved to approve the request of Tulsa Police Officer Justin McRee and Tulsa Police Officer Jacob Meryhew for legal representation in the matter of Case No. CJ-2023-3550, Matthew Richard Hibbard v. Tulsa Police Department et al filed in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Oklahoma. Councilor Bellis seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL:

Hall-Harper	Yea	Bengel	Yea
Cue	Yea	Decter Wright	Yea
Patrick	Absent	Lakin	Yea
Bellis	Yea	Fowler	Yea

Miller Absent

Yeas: 7 Nays: 0 Absent: 2 Abstentions: 0

Motion carried.

8. Adjournment.

Chair Cue adjourned the meeting at 4:27 P.M.

Jeannie Cue, Chair of the Council

Lori Doring, Secretary to the Council